

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A device comprising:
a base defining at least one compartment comprising an opening;
a cover, wherein an inner surface of the cover comprises a mirror; and
at least one first magnet associated with the base and at least one second magnet associated with the cover, the first and second magnets coupling the base and the cover together so as to permit movement of the cover with respect to the base, in a generally hinge-like manner, between a closed position in which the cover covers the opening of the compartment and an open position in which access to the compartment is permitted,
wherein the device is configured to limit an extent of generally hinge-like movement of the cover so that when the cover is moved from the closed position to the open position, the cover moves with respect to the base up to a maximum angular extent of less than 180 degrees and greater than or equal to about 100 degrees.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a cosmetic compact, and wherein the device further comprises at least one of a cosmetic product and a cosmetic applicator disposed in the compartment.
3. The device of claim 1, wherein the maximum angular extent is less than or equal to about 160 degrees.

4. The device of claim 1, wherein the maximum angular extent is about 130 degrees.

5. The device of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a cover opening limiter comprising a first end portion associated with the cover and a second end portion associated with the base.

6. The device of claim 5, wherein the second end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises a projection, and wherein the base engages with the projection when the cover is in the open position.

7. The device of claim 6, wherein the cover comprises a cover recess and the first end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises an axle configured to couple the first end portion of the cover opening limiter to a portion of the cover defining the cover recess.

8. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is configured to generally stabilize the cover with respect to the base when the cover is in the open position.

9. The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one first magnet comprises a pair of first magnets and the at least one second magnet comprises a pair of second magnets.

10. The device of claim 1, wherein the base comprises a first generally plate-shaped member and a second generally plate-shaped member, wherein the first and second generally plate-shaped members comprise magnets coupling the first and second generally plate-shaped members together with one of the generally plate-shaped members being stacked on the other generally plate-shaped member.

11. The device of claim 10, further comprising a first cosmetic product contained in the first generally plate-shaped member and a second cosmetic product contained in the second generally plate-shaped member, the first and second cosmetic products differing from one another.

12. A device comprising:

a base defining at least one compartment comprising an opening, the base further defining at least one base recess;

a cover, wherein the cover comprises a mirror; and

at least one first magnet associated with the base and at least one second magnet associated with the cover, the first and second magnets coupling the base and the cover together so as to permit movement of the cover with respect to the base, in a generally hinge-like manner, between a closed position in which the cover covers the opening of the compartment and an open position in which access to the compartment is permitted; and

a cover opening limiter extending from the cover, the cover opening limiter comprising an end portion configured to be engaged with a portion of the base defining the base recess when the cover is in the open position,

wherein the cover opening limiter is configured to limit an angular extent of generally hinge-like movement of the cover.

13. The device of claim 12, wherein an inner surface of the cover comprises the mirror.

14. The device of claim 12, wherein the cover opening limiter is configured so that when the cover is moved from the closed position to the open position, the cover moves with respect to the base up to a maximum angular extent of less than 180 degrees and greater than or equal to about 100 degrees.

15. The device of claim 12, wherein the device is a cosmetic compact, and wherein the device further comprises at least one of a cosmetic product and a cosmetic applicator disposed in the compartment.

16. The device of claim 14, wherein the maximum angular extent is less than or equal to about 160 degrees.

17. The device of claim 14, wherein the maximum angular extent is about 130 degrees.

18. The device of claim 12, wherein the end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises a projection configured to engage with the portion of the base defining the base recess when the cover is in the open position.

19. The device of claim 18, wherein the cover comprises a cover recess and the cover opening limiter comprises an axle configured to couple the cover opening limiter to a portion of the cover defining the cover recess.

20. The device of claim 12, wherein the device is configured to generally stabilize the cover with respect to the base when the cover is in the open position.

21. The device of claim 12, wherein the at least one first magnet comprises a pair of first magnets and the at least one second magnet comprises a pair of second magnets.

22. The device of claim 12, wherein the base comprises a first generally plate-shaped member and a second generally plate-shaped member, wherein the first and second generally plate-shaped members comprise magnets coupling the first and second generally plate-shaped members together with one of the generally plate-shaped members being stacked on the other generally plate-shaped member.

23. The device of claim 22, further comprising a first cosmetic product contained in the first generally plate-shaped member and a second cosmetic product contained in the second generally plate-shaped member, the first and second cosmetic products differing from one another.

24. The device of claim 22, wherein each of the first and second generally plate-shaped members comprises a respective portion defining a recess and being configured to engage with the end portion of the cover opening limiter.

25. A device comprising:
a base defining at least one compartment comprising an opening,
wherein the base comprises a first member and a second member, wherein the first and second members comprise magnets coupling the first and second members together with one of the members being stacked on the other member;
and
a cover, wherein an inner surface of the cover comprises a mirror,
wherein the cover is movable with respect to the base, in a generally hinge-like manner, between a closed position in which the cover covers the opening of the compartment and an open position in which access to the compartment is permitted,
wherein the device is configured to limit an extent of generally hinge-like movement of the cover so that when the cover is moved from the closed position to the open position, the cover moves with respect to the base up to a maximum

angular extent of less than 180 degrees and greater than or equal to about 100 degrees.

26. The device of claim 25, wherein the device is a cosmetic compact, and wherein the device further comprises at least one of a cosmetic product and a cosmetic applicator disposed in the compartment.

27. The device of claim 25, wherein the maximum angular extent is less than or equal to about 160 degrees.

28. The device of claim 25, wherein the maximum angular extent is about 130 degrees.

29. The device of claim 25, wherein the device comprises a cover opening limiter comprising a first end portion associated with the cover and a second end portion associated with the base.

30. The device of claim 29, wherein the second end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises a projection, and wherein the base engages with the projection when the cover is in the open position.

31. The device of claim 30, wherein the cover comprises a cover recess and the first end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises an axle configured to

couple the first end portion of the cover opening limiter to a portion of the cover defining the cover recess.

32. The device of claim 25, wherein the device is configured to generally stabilize the cover with respect to the base when the cover is in the open position.

33. The device of claim 25, wherein the magnets coupling the first and second members together comprise a first pair of magnets associated with the first member and a second pair of magnets associated with the second member.

34. The device of claim 25, further comprising a first cosmetic product contained in the first member and a second cosmetic product contained in the second member, the first and second cosmetic products differing from one another.

35. The device of claim 25, further comprising a cosmetic product contained in one of the members and a cosmetic applicator in the other member.

36. The device of claim 29, wherein each of the first and second members comprises a respective portion defining a recess and being configured to engage with the end portion of the cover opening limiter.

37. A device comprising:

a base defining at least one compartment comprising an opening, the base further defining at least one base recess;

a cover movable with respect to the base, in a generally hinge-like manner, between a closed position in which the cover covers the opening of the compartment and an open position in which access to the compartment is permitted; and

a cover opening limiter extending from the cover, the cover opening limiter comprising an end portion configured to be engaged with a portion of the base defining the base recess when the cover is in the open position,

wherein the cover opening limiter is configured to limit an angular extent of generally hinge-like movement of the cover, and

wherein the device is configured so that the end portion of the cover opening limiter moves into the base recess when the cover is moved from the open position to the closed position.

38. The device of claim 37, wherein an inner surface of the cover comprises a mirror.

39. The device of claim 38, wherein the device is a cosmetic compact, and wherein the device further comprises at least one of a cosmetic product and a cosmetic applicator disposed in the compartment.

40. The device of claim 37, wherein the end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises a projection, and wherein the base engages with the projection when the cover is in the open position.

41. The device of claim 37, wherein the cover comprises a cover recess and an opposite end portion of the cover opening limiter comprises an axle configured to couple the cover opening limiter to a portion of the cover defining the cover recess.